

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505**

9 May 1972

Honorable James Burke  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Burke:

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This is in response to your communication of 26 April 1972 forwarding a letter you received from [REDACTED] claiming that he has been placed under surveillance and harassed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

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As I believe you know, CIA is prohibited by law from exercising any police, subpoena, law enforcement powers, or internal security functions. I can assure you that this Agency is in no way responsible for the actions which [REDACTED] described in his letter and has no interest in his activities.

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In the hope that it will assist you in advising [REDACTED] that we do not engage in the activities he describes, I am enclosing a copy of an Agency pamphlet outlining the mission and function of the CIA and its role in the intelligence community. [REDACTED] may also be interested in knowing about the organizations, including the United States Congress, to which this Agency is accountable for its activities.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
John M. Maury  
Legislative Counsel

Enclosures